07 CV 2683 (BSJ)(AJP)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Jane Best-Simpson,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK ORGAN DONOR NETWORK, ELAINE BERG, Individually and in her Professional Capacity, MICHELE CLAYTON LUCAS, Individually and in her Professional Capacity, Julia Rivera, Individually and in her Professional Capacity and Martin Woolf Individually and in his Professional Capacity, ROBERT GOSSEEN, GALLAGHER, GOSSEEN, FALLER & CROWLEY, THE NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PATRICIA GATLING, Individually and in her Professional Capacity; MR. RAYMOND WAYNE, Individually and in his Professional Capacity; MS. LANNY ALEXANDER, Individually and in her Professional Capacity and MR. CLIFF MULQUEEN, Individually and in his Professional Capacity,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

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